

DEMOCRATS IN RACE FOR 1920

Cummings Says Party Seeks Success Squarely on Record Under President Wilson.

VICTORY PREDICTED

Wilson's Candidacy for Third Term Depends on Fate of League Nations

Chicago, May 28.—Broad intimations that the democratic party will seek success in the 1920 election squarely upon the record of party achievements, under the direction of President Wilson, was given here today by Homer S. Cummings, national chairman, in his address before the meeting of the democratic leaders. He predicted a democratic victory.

"The democrats of the country must begin an active, militant campaign," Cummings declared, "in order that the United States may continue to enjoy progressive legislation and administration. I look forward to 1920 with the utmost confidence, not because of the righteousness of our cause, but because of the party achievements under the direction of President Wilson.

"It is manifest that the republican party was again the victor in the election of 1918. The choice of committee heads in the new house of representatives is very discouraging to every progressive American, while the election of Senator Penrose to head the finance committee indicates the type of leadership to which the republican party is committed."

Announces Cummings Soon. Cummings declared he would announce soon the appointment of additional committees and would take up the matter of subheadquarters throughout the country.

President Wilson's candidacy for a third term will be determined largely by the fate of the league of nations, in the opinion of Cummings.

"While I have no information regarding President Wilson's intentions about becoming a candidate for a third term, I believe the question largely rests on the fate of the league of nations," Cummings said. "If the league of nations should by any chance be defeated, and this to my mind is unthinkable, the pressure brought to bear on the president to run again would be very great, and I feel certain he would be re-elected. If the league of nations is successful I do not think the pressure would be nearly as great."

In absence of definite word from President Wilson on the subject there was little gossip of candidates among the party leaders. The names most frequently mentioned were C. McAdoo and Atty.-Gen. A. Mitchell Palmer, who will address the committee tomorrow night.

Every state was represented by a committeeman or a proxy when Chairman Cummings called the body to order in a session which formally marks the opening of the presidential campaign of 1920.

Chairman Cummings praised the record of progressive achievement of the democratic national administration, and declared the republican party again is falling under reactionary leadership as indicated by the recent organization of congress. He urged a closer co-operation between the different departments of the party organization in preparing for the next national campaign, and referred to the important part women will take in future political activities. He said he expected to visit every state in the Union before returning to New York.

LOCAL FLASHES

Book Club Meets Thursday. The St. Elmo Book club meets Thursday with Mrs. Jessie Hickerson at the home of Mrs. Frank Miller, Jr., on Signal mountain.

To Attend Conference. R. F. Hudson, superintendent of the local Associated Charities, departed Wednesday morning for Atlantic City to attend the National Conference of Charities and Correction, which meets in that city next week. He will arrive there in time to attend a preliminary conference of the Red Cross on Friday. On Saturday he will be present at sessions of the American association.

Trial This Afternoon. James A. Adair, charged with taking and storing property belonging to the Interstate Commerce Commission, will be tried before United States Commissioner Sam C. Miller Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Election Cost \$358. The auditorial election cost the city \$358. A report on same was submitted to the commission Tuesday afternoon by Mayor Jesse M. Littlefield. The amount, together with the cost of the recent annexation election, will be paid by the board out of an appropriation to be made for election purposes.

Shannon Code Official. The Shannon code had practically been declared the official code of the state of Tennessee and notice has been received here by the local law librarian that 125 copies of this code have been published and will be distributed throughout the state to the various judges and officials who require them in the discharge of their duties. It will be remembered that some time back there was quite a discussion as to which code should be declared the official code of the state, the Shannon code or the Thompson-Shannon code. However, the notice received Wednesday ends the controversy and the Shannon code will be used in the future.

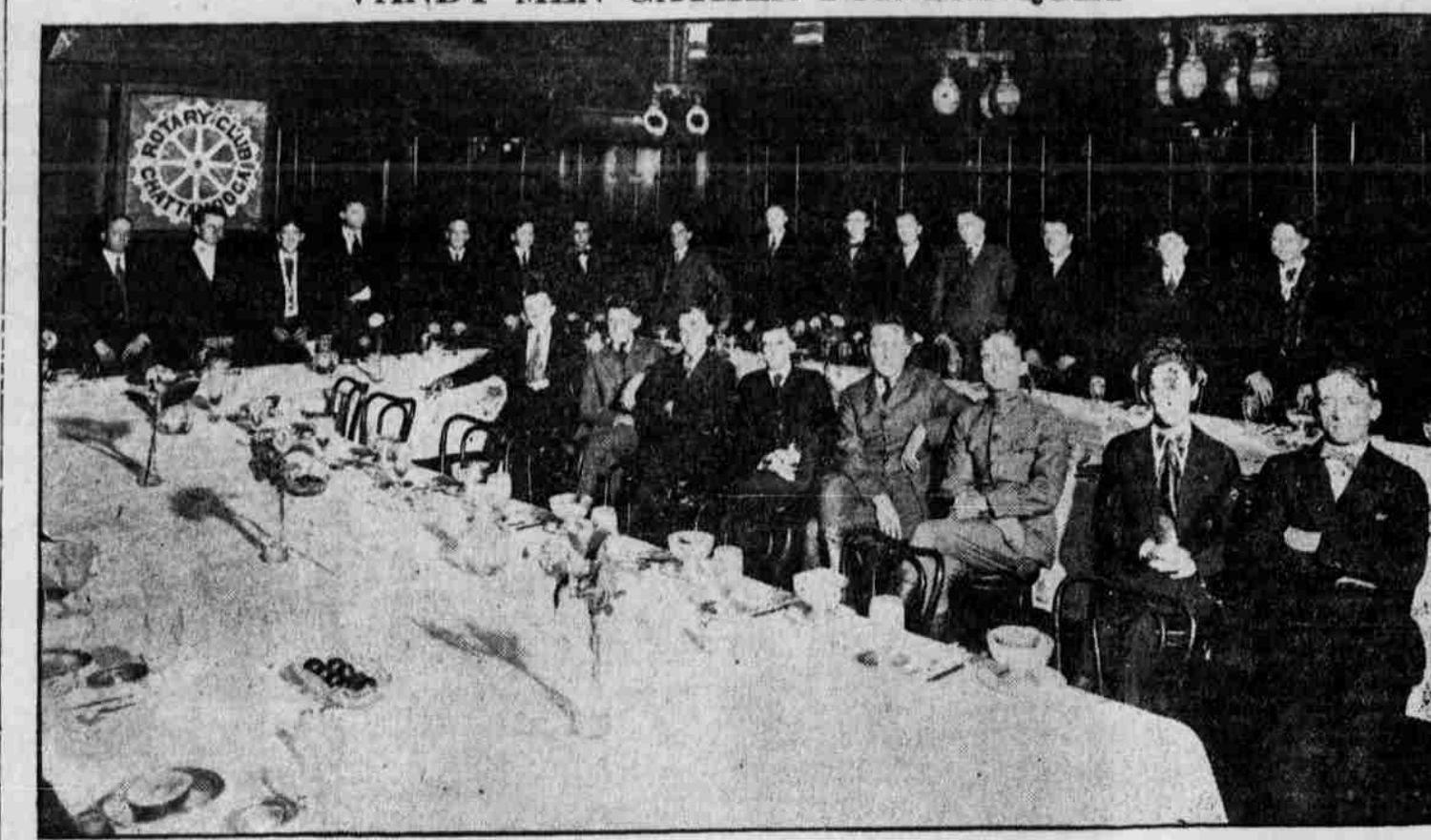
Celebrate Communion. Thursday being ascension day, holy communion will be celebrated at St. Paul's Episcopal church by the rector, Rev. Leaning Clark, at 7 a.m. and at 10 a.m.

WOULD RUSH NAVY PLAN

General Board Urges Rapid Completion of Program. Washington, May 28.—Rapid completion of the navy's 1916 building program was urged by the general board today in a communication presented to the house naval committee by Secretary Daniels. The board recommended that only slight changes be made in the plans of the capital ships as originally drawn.

Have you a room to rent? Phone Mr. Mond's a want ad, Main 350, for quick results.—(Adv.)

VANDY MEN GATHER FOR BANQUET



Members of the Chattanooga Vanderbilt University Alumni Association at Hotel Patten Tuesday Night, Celebrating Founders' Day

GREATER GLORY FOR THE GOLD AND BLACK

THEME OF VANDERBILT ALUMNI DINNER.

Monthly Luncheons to Be Held to Promote College Spirit.

Though the underlying theme of the Founders' Day banquet of the Chattanooga Vanderbilt Alumni association Tuesday night at the Hotel Patten was the project to erect a great hall on the West Campus at Nashville, as a memorial to the fallen Vanderbilt men who laid down their lives in the war, and the 2,500 who enlisted, the purpose of the meeting took form later as a determination to see that Vanderbilt university, a great institution within 150 miles of Chattanooga, received a wider advertising in this section of the country, which has been a determining force in the development of the south, and an inspiration for higher academic standards and ideals all over the country, does not draw young men and boys from Chattanooga, in any large measure, due to the fact that most of the alumni here are of diverse ages and interests, men who have come here from other cities, and therefore do not present the same homogeneous front as the alumni of some other southern universities. This condition, it was determined, should be immediately remedied, and the alumni present Tuesday night organized themselves into an active, boosting organization to give the Gold and Black its due meed of prominence.

Alfred Levine and Alfred Howell, from Nashville, the one an attorney and the other a manufacturer, were visiting alumni, and brought a message from the campus center to the men whose university memories ranged back over a number of years, a little dimmed perhaps, but quickly responsive to the stimulus of reminiscence, and of present endeavor. Wilbur Nelson, state geologist; John H. DeWitt, Nashville attorney, and B. E. Mitchell, present "V" secretary at the park and former instructor in mathematics at Vanderbilt, also spoke and stressed the theme of the alumni's responsibility to the university to which they owed their training for the activities of life. Mr. Mitchell, especially, stirred the enthusiasm of the diners by relating how the Vanderbilt standard was accepted by other and less prominent institutions, as the mark which their independence and policies should attain.

It was determined that hereafter monthly luncheons would be held as a measure of promoting the college spirit among the men who had gone out from college. The election of officers resulted in the selection of Dr. J. L. Austin as president; Bruce I. Crabtree, vice-president; and Wade Farrar as secretary-treasurer. Those present were: Dr. O. J. O'Neal, '05; Bruce I. Crabtree, '12; Wilbur S. Young, '12; B. E. Mitchell, '08; Winston P. Calne, '18; William F. Stone, D. D. S., '07; H. G. Austin, '13; J. W. Jones, '12; E. W. Maccham, '00; Albert E. Lawrence, '13; Noel C. Hunt, '11; C. W. K. Maccham, A. B. L., '00; Alfred Levine, (taxi), L. B., '02; Thomas S. Merriam, B. A., '02; Alfred E. Howell, Ex. Acad., '82; John Spence, '16; Gilbert King, '08; L. N. Spears, '00; J. L. Austin, '06; Willard Steele, '10; M. A. Maccham, '07; Jo Anderson, '39; Wade Farrar, '02.

Used cars for sale are advertised in News want columns at bargain prices.—(Adv.)

BILL FOR IRISH

Representative Mason Introduces Recognition Bill. Washington, May 28.—Recognition of the Irish republic is provided for in a bill introduced today in the house by Representative William E. Mason, of Illinois, appropriating \$14,000 for a diplomatic corps from the United States to Ireland. Later the bill will be offered as an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

The bill follows the lines of a resolution introduced in congress one hundred years ago by Daniel Webster, providing for the recognition of a diplomatic corps to Greece, and also follows a similar resolution offered by Henry Clay to appropriate money for a diplomatic corps to the Argentine Republic. It was stated.

Representative Mason in introducing the bill said that he did so "in the interest of universal peace."

Visitors in Paris Attracted to New French War Library and Museum

New York, May 27.—Visitors in Paris are now attracted by a new institution, the creation of which is the result of the great world war. It is the Bibliotheque et Musée de la Guerre (War Library and Museum) of the French government. The first thought that led to its establishment was due to private and not to official origin. From the outset of the conflict, Monsieur et Madame Henri Le Blanc thought of collecting all the printed and figured material, such as posters, photographs, badges, etc., relating to it. As the conflict, which most people at first thought likely to be of short duration, began to lengthen, they found that their collection decidedly outgrew the limits of a private concern, and they decided to donate it to the French government, provided it was agreed to turn it into a permanent institution. A charter was obtained from the council of state, and the library and museum, which had outgrown its original quarters, 4 Avenue Malakoff, was transferred to a special building located at 32 Rue du Colisée, not far from the official residence of the president of the republic.

Object Two-Fold. The object of the institution is two-fold. It is to be, first, a repository of everything that may remind one of the various phases of the great conflict, and is open to visits from the public. Its second and more important object is to provide the future historians of the war, at least those of them who are anxious to present the facts in their true light, with all the material needed by them for their labors. It is well known to the French authorities that early in the conflict steps had been taken in Germany with a view to attract historians to Berlin, and to have them perform their labors in an atmosphere entirely sympathetic to Germany. It is expected that they will resort to Paris rather than to Berlin, unless decided in advance to present the facts in a light favorable to Germany.

Even before America joined Allies. Even before the U. S. decided to join the allies, it was felt that a great place must be reserved for the American section of the collections. While the American government itself was neutral, there were many agencies at work in the country favorable mostly to the allies, but some also to the enemy, as is shown by evidences of German propaganda which are known to everybody. Societies were started for the relief of refugees, columns of periodicals were filled with expressions of opinions and controversies relating to the war. All this deserved a place in the new institution. Of course, as soon as war was declared by the government of the United States, the importance of the American section became vastly greater. It was, there-

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APPOINTEE REMOVED

Florida Has Shake-Up in Office of Adjutant-General.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 28.—Removal of Adj.-Gen. J. B. Christian and the appointment of Maj. James McCants, of Tampa, to fill the vacancy, was announced today by Gov. Catts.

Removal of Adj.-Gen. Christian followed the report of a special legislative committee which recently investigated the affair of his office. The report which was submitted this morning showed no flagrant irregularities. Christian was one of "Gov. Catts' first appointees after he took office."

"GREENLEAF" NO MORE

"Camp Forrest" Also Officially Abandoned.

Washington, May 28.—A report on the status of army camps, cantonments and flying fields, as of May 20, issued by the war department today, lists fifteen national army cantonments, fourteen aviation fields, one national guard camp, and eight miscellaneous military posts as "being purchased" by the government.

Negotiations for purchase under way or completed, include the following: All national army cantonments except Funston, which is already owned by the United States.

Aviation fields: Brooks, Texas; Carlstrom, Florida; Chapman, Florida; Dorr, Florida; Ellington, Texas; Kelly No. 2, Texas; Park, Tennessee, and Southern, Georgia.

Miscellaneous camps: Benning, Georgia; Bragg, North Carolina; Johnston, Florida; Knox, Kentucky.

Aviation supply depots: Montgomery, Ala. Camps definitely slated for abandonment, in addition to those already authorized for sale, include Camp Forrest, Georgia; Greenleaf, Georgia, and Morrison, Virginia.

All Camps Now Oglethorpe. Authorities at Fort Oglethorpe stated Wednesday, when asked regarding the above that orders abandoning Camp Greenleaf and Camp Forrest had been received from the war department several days ago. This merely means, they said, that the names "Camp Forrest" and "Camp Greenleaf" have been abandoned and all military activities taken under the name of Fort Oglethorpe. Neither does it mean, they state, the transfer of Brig.-Gen. Scott to other duties elsewhere.

REPLACES OLD MORTGAGE

Central of Georgia Railroad Issues Bonds.

Savannah, Ga., May 28.—Stockholders of the Central of Georgia railroad at a meeting here today authorized a \$50,000,000 forty-year bond issue, the amount to be issued at intervals. This will take the form of a new mortgage, replacing the old mortgage under which no bonds ever have been sold.

An additional issue of \$11,000,000 worth of bonds was authorized, the amount not to be sold but to be pledged with a trustee to raise issue of \$5,000,000 6 per cent. ten-year bonds. The proceeds will be used to pay various debts as incurred during federal control.

RUNS INTO OPEN SWITCH

Twenty-Five Passengers Injured at Boyce, La.

New Orleans, May 28.—Between twenty and twenty-five passengers were slightly injured early this morning when Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 25, New Orleans to Dallas, ran into an open switch at the Boyce, La., yards, according to reports received at headquarters here of the Texas & Pacific.

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